



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Joe Stecher, Omaha Police Chief Eric Buske, and Mickey Leadingham, Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: For having been a Felon in Possession of a Firearm on January 27, 2008, James Edward Greer was sentenced by the Honorable Joseph Bataillon, Chief United States District Judge, to serve 188 months in prison, which will be followed by a 5 year term of Supervised Release, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On January 27, 2008, Omaha Police went to the home of James Greer in search of a person who was wanted on misdemeanor warrants. Officers saw the wanted person on a couch inside. Officers entered the house to effect her arrest. In a locked closet in the NE bedroom, officers found, inside a black purse that was inside a coat pocket, a .38 caliber revolver and two venue items that bore Greer's name.

Greer was convicted in Douglas County, Nebraska, in 1968 of Burglary, and in 1980 of both Robbery and Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony, and in Lancaster County, Nebraska, in 1986 of Assault on a Correctional Officer. Due to his extensive criminal record Greer was deemed to be an "Armed Career Criminal" under federal law and was therefore subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of fifteen years imprisonment.

Name of Defendant: James Edward Greer

Age: 57

City of Residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Felon in Possession of a Firearm, if previously convicted of at least three violent felonies, carries not less than 15 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 5 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha

Location of Arrest: His home

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: January 27, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: March 24, 2008

Date Complaint Issued: n/a

Indictment Returned Date: March 19, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: March 26, 2008

Trial Date(s): September 29th and 30th, 2008

Sentencing Date: January 9, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: n/a

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Hon. Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond: From March 26, 2008 until June 30, 2008, and again after September 30, 2008

Released from Custody: June 30, 2008 until September 30, 2008

In Continuous Custody Since: September 30, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: Hon. Joseph Bataillon

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